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LB 710, 864

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, I move LB 710 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed. It is readvanced. Mr. Clerk, I believe the next bill is LB 864.

CLERK: Mr. President, 864. Senator Bohlke has the first motion, but I have a note that she wants to withdraw.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Chambers. Floor amendment 432, Senator. (See page 2593 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature and sister...I meant Senator Ray Janssen, you'll like this. This amendment was prepared by Director of Health and Human Services, Jesse Rasmussen. There is a likelihood that the federal government will enact some legislation that will allow the states to use food coupons, in that program that we passed an amendment for, for those individuals who are permanent residents who will be knocked off the list for receiving food stamps. What we have in the bill is that they will receive a voucher. If that legislation does pass as anticipated, then federal food coupons can be used. They don't have to create a voucher system, and this amendment will make it possible for the department to use those coupons as are used in the regular food stamp program, and we can then dispense with the voucher system. So the only thing that this amendment does is to say that those food coupons can be used also. So for that purpose, I'm asking that the bill be returned.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, to discuss the motion to return.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members. I've discussed this with